FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment Form

Budget Amendment

3 Additional Licensed Mental Health Professionals on the Homeless Outreach Street Team

Strategic Outcome Alignment

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT: ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & AFFORDABILITY

Lead Sponsor

Council Member Tovo

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Amount and Source of Funding

Ongoing	One-Time	FTEs	Source of Funds
	\$289,625		Revised Sales Tax or ARPA

Additional Information

The Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST) is a collaboration among the Austin Police Department (APD), Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Integral Care (IC), and the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC). HOST is currently comprised of 2 APD officers, 3 EMS Community Health Paramedics, 1 DACC Clinical Case Manager, and 5 Integral Care staff including 2 Behavioral Health Specialists, 2 Licensed Mental Health Clinicians, and 1 Peer Support Specialist. DACC administers the funds for Integral Care's staff and other programmatic needs for HOST through an interlocal agreement. Per the April 2021 memo, staff recommend increased funding for DACC's agreement with Integral Care for HOST to fund 3 additional licensed mental health professionals for HOST to accompany Community Health Paramedics and associated costs such as computers, program supplies, and expenses related to client services. Additional staff would enhance services for those engaged by CHPs and expanding HOST's capacity for the total people served. Additional details regarding HOST's impact can be found in the April 16, 2021, memo.